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Specification Amendments

Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the English Translation of International Application PCT/EP 98/06882, filing date October 30, 1998, together with a copy of a Certification of Translation of that application and a marked up version of that application. Attached as Exhibit B is a Substitute Specification filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(c) and MPEP 608.01(q), comprising a clean version of the marked up version of the international application from Exhibit A containing new Claims 23 - 54. This is the version of the application that should be reviewed by the USPTO. The amendments to the specification, which are contained in the marked up version from Exhibit A, have been incorporated into the Substitute Specification (Exhibit B). These amendments were made to correct errors in the translation of the International Application and to revise awkward wording also present in that Application. All of these amendments to the specification were approved and the Substitute Specification (Exhibit B) was utilized during prosecution of the parent application, Serial No. 09/530,621 (P-986). No new subject matter is introduced into the Substitute Specification by any of these amendments. The applicants request that the Substitute Specification, which is attached as Exhibit B, be reviewed by the USPTO.